

A Lesson from Bacon



by Dawn Reed
E. Ky. Columnist

I turned off the hair dryer. Something was not right. I opened the door quietly hoping not to wake my beloved. What was it?

I walked into the kitchen trying to put my finger on what was wrong. Yikes! I didn't smell bacon!

For the last several months for a low-carb diet, I bake bacon every morning for breakfast. As I get ready for the day, it's getting ready, too, browning just right and filling the house with a delicious smell. Bacon is a Reed family favorite and better than an alarm clock! The smell calls, "Something good is happening in here!" But this morning, there was no delicious smell, no sizz-

ling sounds from the kitchen or oven. Why on earth not?

Puzzled, I looked all around. Silly me! I had forgotten to turn on the oven! The uncooked bacon rested patiently in the glass baking dish waiting for the heating process to begin. In my hustle and bustle of the morning, I had done everything except turn on the oven!

I called myself a goober, then easily pushed the START/POWER button to get the bacon cooking. Shaking my head, I returned to finish drying my hair. "Bacon won't cook if you don't turn on the heat!" I muttered.

Trying to cook bacon without turning on the oven (or other heat source) is ridicu-

lous. No matter how much I wish it will work, it's impossible. It won't reach its full potential without tapping into the electricity or turning on the power.

Living without tapping into the strength and power of God is crazy talk, too. Life can be wonderful! But it can also be hard, frustrating and exhausting! I'm not smart enough or strong enough on my own to face what life brings. I NEED God's help every day! I WANT His help! If I hurry and scurry around but neglect time with Him, then I'm doing life on my own, in my own strength. Just like my uncooked bacon, I won't reach my full potential. I won't be the blessing I was

intended to be.

One great way to stay connected to God's power is by reading His Word. He STILL speaks through it! The Bible holds treasure for all of us! History, drama, suspense and wisdom await each time we open it! You don't have to read a book a day...but read SOME of it! There are also a zillion devotionals available in every length and translation. It's good medicine for our souls!

Written thousands of years ago, Psalm 119:105 continues to remind us, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." It still guides, it still directs, it still comforts!

And it may just save your bacon sometime!

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Samuel, what king confessed his adulterous affair after being confronted by the prophet Nathan? Silas, Josiah, Jael, David
3. In Acts 19, where were books worth 50,000

silver coins burned at a public bonfire? Gezer, Samaria, Ephesus, Jericho

4. From Numbers 11, what personal assistant of Moses became jealous of Eldad and Medad? Isaac, Joshua, Job, Cain

5. What famous prophet was the Son of Amoz? Paul, Isaiah, Peter, John the Baptist

6. Who was the wife of Hosea? Gomer, Ruth, Sarah, Miriam

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"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

'Yes, I'm the One!'

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There is a song within the hymnal book at Cornerstone that is entitled, "I'm The One." I remember the first time I read it that my tears could not be withheld; first, because the wording is real and the person I saw in that song was me.

So, today, I want to share it with you.

I was not in the garden, when He knelt to God and prayed. I did not kiss him on the cheek, when Jesus was betrayed. I could not do a single thing, to hurt God's only Son. But every time I sin on earth, I feel that I'm the one.

I was not at the trial, when the crowd jeered his name. I did not make him bear a cross, or walk a road of shame. I could not do a single thing, to hurt God's only Son. But every time I sin on earth, I feel that I'm the one.

I was not on the hillside, when he gave his life that day. I did not nail his precious hands, or take his robe away. I could not do a single thing, to hurt God's only Son. But every time I sin on earth, I feel that I'm the one.

CHORUS

I'm the one who shouted, "Crucify!"
I'm the one who made his cross so high.
I'm the one who stood and watched him die.
What have I done? Yes, I'm the one!

This hymn was written by Ray Overholt. I never met him nor talked with him, but this one thing I know, that the day he wrote this, he was in touch with God's Word and was in touch with his inner man. For one to see himself in that position had to be a man that possessed the uttermost in humility. This is a state of condition of life that is lacking in so many of us.

In the Book of Micah, 6:8, it is written, "He hath

shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Even our Lord "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8) So, our Lord Jesus Christ submitted his will to the will of his Father, told in Matthew 26:36 and in Luke 22:42, saying, "not my will, but thine, be done."

Then, in 1 Peter 5:6, it is written, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." This much I know, that God's saving Grace will never be extended to anyone who will not humble themselves unto the will of Jesus Christ. And to add, we with a humble heart need to know who we really are. So, if you have never obeyed the will of Jesus Christ, you are in grave danger at this very time. And, if you are a person who practices a form of religion, but not according to the Word of Christ, you also are in grave danger. Plus, you may be one who has obeyed the terms of his will by hearing Jesus, believed in Jesus, even repented of all your past sins, having confessed his name before men, and have been baptized for the remission of your sins; but somewhere along the way, you have failed to walk humbly before the Lord and you have quit being obedient. You also are in grave danger. You need to read very carefully 2 Peter 2:20-22. This is the strongest passage within the Bible given as a warning unto all men everywhere, saying, after you obeyed but you became re-entangled again in sin and overcome. The latter is worse than the previous, "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from" it.

Our plea for all who read this is, if you have never obeyed the Lord, do it without delay. And, if you were once faithful but stopped, turn back in humble repentance and ask the Lord to forgive you.

We stand ready to help you.
Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

seeds of Hope



Nearly all of us have some method for planning our daily activities. With no plan to follow, our time will likely be wasted and our days meaningless. Often, however, our carefully detailed plans can be completely disrupted by an emergency or unexpected demand. In Psalm 92, however, we find a simple way to open and close each day and bring God's presence into our lives.

The Psalmist suggests that we begin the day with a "proclamation" - we are to "proclaim the love of God." If we begin each day by proclaiming the love that God has for us, it will remind us that we are safe and secure in His love and that nothing or no one can destroy us. Then, as the day unfolds and when the unex-

pected occurs and things seem upside down, we can know that He is holding us close to Himself and that He will protect us from that which might harm us. It is in His love that we are safe and secure. As Paul wrote, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." It is His love that keeps us close to Him and no one or nothing can break this bond that comes from Him.

As we end each day, we are advised to praise God for His faithfulness. Indeed, by His grace He has brought us through another day and He has proven Himself to be trustworthy. Even when tragedy strikes or the light of His presence is dim, we have the assurance that He is with us.

If "things" look bad today, we can always look back at our "yesterdays" and see God at work in our lives and praise Him for His trustworthiness and faithfulness.

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Saturday, March 7th at 6:00pm

Monthly Singing at Pine Hill

Pine Hill Baptist Church will be having its monthly singing this coming Saturday, March 7, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m. The guest group will be Roy Jackson and singers. Everyone is welcome! There will be refreshments afterwards. Bro. Wesley Miller is the pastor.

Saturday, March 14th at 6pm

Gospel Singing at House of Prayer

There will be a Gospel Singing at House of Prayer, 535 Dark Hollow Road in Irvine on Saturday, March 14, 2020, starting at 6:00 p.m. Special guest singers will be The Watson Family, and The Praise Singers will also perform. There will be refreshments afterwards and everyone is welcome.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you.
Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart.
If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; you will remove iniquity far from your tents.

JOB 22: 21-23

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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LEVITICUS 19:18

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Tally
CORSE

Awake
LATER

Indicator
ALIGNS

Beat
CHAWK

TODAY'S WORD



"Hi, Dad—I'm here to talk to you about my _____."